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SUBJECT: JAPANESE STUDY TEAM ON TRANSPORTATION AND US-JAPAN
TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH PANEL (TRP)

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DEPT PASS TO DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR DOT/TPI-42: DE TERRA AND
FOR DR. WILLIAM W. WOLMAN, CHIEF, TRAFFIC CONTROL DIVISION,
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

SUMMARY: JAPANESE STUDY TEAM REQUESTS APPOINTMENTS WITH DOT
AND WASHINGTON DC CITY TRAFFIC OFFICIALS. THIS OPENS
OPPORTUNITY FOR TRADE-OFF VISIT WITH MITI OFFICIALS BY US MEMBERS
OF TRP (US-JAPAN TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH PANEL) DURING JULY VISIT.
ACTION REQUESTED: ADVICE IF VISIT TO MITI IS DESIRED. END SUMMARY.

1. KAZUYUKI WAKASONE, HEAD, AUTOMOBILE TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM
PROJECT, AGENCY OF INDUSTRIAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (AIST),
MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY (MITI), CALLED ON EMBOFF
JUNE 13 TO REQUEST APPOINTMENT ON JULY NINTH OR TENTH WITH
DR. WILLIAM W. WOLMAN, CHIEF, TRAFFIC CONTROL DIVISION, FEDERAL
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION, DOT, FOR A JAPANESE STUDY TEAM OF
TWELVE MEMBERS. SUBJECT OF TEAM'S STUDY IS "AUTOMOBILE
COMPREHENSIVE CONTROL TECHNOLOGY."

2. ITEMS WHICH SURVEY TEAM WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS ARE AS
FOLLOWS:

A) PRESENT STATUS OF R&D IN TRAFFIC CONTROL TECHNOLOGY,
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B) PRESENT STATUS AND PLANS FOR ERGS (ELECTRONIC ROUTE GUIDANCE

SYSTEM),

C) PRESENT STATUS AND PLANS FOR IMIS (INTEGRATED MOTORIST INFORMATION SYSTEM), AND

D) EXPLANATION AND EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS ON CACS (COMPREHENSIVE AUTOMOBILE CONTROL SYSTEM)

3. TEAM WILL HAVE ONE AND ONE-HALF DAYS IN WASHINGTON, ALL DAY JULY NINTH AND MORNING OF JULY TENTH. TEAM WOULD PREFER TO SPEND ONE-HALF TO ONE DAY AT DOT AS BEST SUITS DOT'S CONVENIENCE. TEAM ALSO REQUESTS THAT WOLMAN MAKE APPOINTMENT FOR THEM WITH OFFICIALS OF WASHINGTON DC CITY GOVERNMENT TO SEE WASHINGTON DISTRICT TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM IN REMAINING UNSCHEDULED TIME. WAKASONE MENTIONED THAT KOICHI SAITO, IN JAPAN TRADE CENTER IN NEW YORK CITY (TELEPHONE 997-0400), MIGHT TELEPHONE DOT TO ARRANGE DETAILS OF VISITS HERE REQUESTED. TEAM WILL LEAVE JAPAN JUNE 28 FOR EUROPE BEFORE PROCEEDING TO US.

4. EMBOFF FOUND THAT WAKASONE HAD NO APPARENT KNOWLEDGE OF US-JAPAN TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH PANEL (TRP) AND UP-COMING MEETING JULY 24-25 IN TOKYO. HOWEVER, AFTER EMBOFF HAD GIVEN WAKASONE ROUGH SKETCH OF PANEL'S ACTIVITIES, WAKASONE EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO MEET PANEL MEMBERS AND DISCUS ERGS WITH THEM. ON JULY 24-25, WAKASONE WILL HAVE TO REMAIN IN HIS OFFICE FOR SCHEDULED ANNUAL ACCOUNTANT'S INSPECTION, BUT HE CAN MEET PANEL MEMBERS THEN IN HIS OFFICE, OR BEFORE OR AFTER THAT AT ANY CONVENIENT SITE IN TOKYO.

5. EMBOFFS DISCUSSED THIS WITH YOSHINO (MOT). ALTHOUGH HE HAD NO OBJECTION TO US PANEL MEMBERS' MEETING WITH WAKASONE OUTSIDE FRAMEWORK OF PANEL MEETING, YOSHINO SUGGESTED THAT US PANEL NOT COVER ITEM ON ERGS DURING PANEL MEETING. BECAUSE ERGS IS MITI PROJECT, TO INCLUDE IT IN PANEL MEETING WOULD RAISE A HOST OF DIFFICULTIES REGARDING COORDINATION WITH MITI. IN THE ABSENCE OF MUTUAL AGREEMENT TO EXPAND FIELD OF TRP AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR COORDINATION WITH OTHER GOJ MINISTRIES, YOSHINO'S STRONG PREFERENCE IS THAT TRP RETAIN ITS PRESENT FOCUS ON MORE GENERAL ASPECTS OF TRANSPORTATION POLICY, THOSE WHICH DO NOT INVOLVE ANY OTHER MINISTRIES. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS ACCPETING THIS SUGGESTION, AT LEAST FOR 1975 PANEL MEETING. EMBASSY WILL BE GLAD TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENT WITH WAKASONE FOR PANEL MEMBERS. PLEASE ADVISE UNCLASSIFIED

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PREFERRED TIME.

6. MEMBERS OF TEAM ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DR. KANO HOSHINO, PROFESSOR AT CHUO UNIVERSITY, EMERITSU PROFESSOR OF TOKYO UNIVERSITY, AND MEMBER OF INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL (LEADER OF TEAM).

TSUNEAKI MATSUNAGA, DIRECTOR, TRAFFIC REGULATION SECTION,
NATIONAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF POLICE SCIENCE, NATIONAL POLICE
AGENCY.

KEIMEI HASEGAWA, DIRECTOR, SAFETY FACILITIES DIVISION,
ROAD ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT, BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION, TOKYO
METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT.

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METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT.

DR. SADAYUKI TSUGAWA, TRAFFIC DIVISION, AUTOMOBILE SAFETY AND AIR
POLLUTION CONTROL DEPT, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING LABORATORY, AIST,
MITI.

MASAKUNI YAMAZAKI, STAFF SPECIALIST FOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM,
AIST, MITI.

AKIO MIYACHI, MANAGER, RESEARCH BUREAU, JAPAN ROAD TRAFFIC
INFORMATION CENTER.

HARUNA NAKAI, CHIEF ENGINEER, RESEARCH ASSOCIATION FOR
COMPREHENSIVE AUTOMOBILE CONTROL SYSTEM.

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DIVISION, INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES GROUP, HITACHI, LTD.

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7. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER DOT STILL WISHES TO COVER THIS AGENDA
ITEM OUTSIDE PANEL MEETING, AND IF SO, DATES IT WOULD PREFER.
YOSHINO WANTS TO COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PANEL MEETING
BY JUNE 30. PLEASE ADVISE FINAL PANEL AGENDA AND EXACT
NUMBER OF US PARTICIPANTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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